

EVERY PISTOL ON SALE IS BOUGHT

Foreigners at Bethlehem Cause Trouble

OUTLOOK VERY SERIOUS

Police Killed One of the Belligerent Steel Workers Yesterday and Used the Riot Sticks on the Foreigners to Subdue Them—State Troopers Attacked and Knocked from Their Horses by Stones—Situation at Bethlehem Appears to Be More Serious Than at Philadelphia at Present.

(By the Associated Press.)

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 26.—With one man dead from a bullet fired by a State policeman, with two others suffering from slight pistol wounds and with more than a dozen men nursing injuries inflicted by the heavy riot sticks of the troopers, South Bethlehem tonight is apprehensive of what next week has in store for it.

The situation was at times so critical that serious outbreaks were narrowly averted by the patience and steadiness of the State Guards.

The man killed today was Joseph Sambo, said to be one of the men on strike at the Bethlehem steel works, and it is declared by the State police that his end was due more to accident than to design. He was on the edge of a crowd that was being dispersed by the troopers shortly after their hurried trip here from Philadelphia. The troopers were patrolling the streets in the vicinity of the steel works when a shower of bricks and other things were hurled at them by a crowd of foreigners. The captain in command of the troops ordered his men to fire into the air, it is said, and one man holding his pistol too low found a human mark. The bullet entered the man's brain. He died this afternoon.

This fatal shooting aroused an ugly feeling among the strikers. The police say that every revolver on sale in this town and in Bethlehem has been purchased by foreigners and that they have gone so far as to buy shears and fashion then into dirks for future use.

The streets of the town were crowded all afternoon and evening with strikers and thousands of persons attracted from Allentown and other places.

Great Crowd at the Gates.

While the troopers were awaiting reinforcements this afternoon to handle a rapidly growing crowd near the main gates of the steel works, State Trooper McGarry was struck by a brick and knocked from his horse. He was partly stunned, but soon recovered and remounted. The man who threw the brick could not be located in the crowd, which was dispersed.

A second detail of the State Guards arrived here from Philadelphia this afternoon and at 9 o'clock another company, making 150 State troopers here. Besides these the sheriff of Northampton county today swore in 100 deputies at Easton and sent them here. The saloons are closed and this, coupled with the great show of police force, produced good order.

The leaders were greatly elated today when the company found it necessary to keep its great plant closed. The company expects to resume work Monday morning.

The strike began three weeks ago when men quit because the company, it is alleged, refused to pay them time and a half for extra work.

There was another clash between the State police and a large crowd of foreigners near the steel plant tonight. No shots were fired, but several of the foreigners were arrested.

The executive committee in charge of the strike issued a public statement in which the State police service here was roundly condemned.

FAYETTEVILLE STREET RAILWAY PLANT SOLD.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 26.—Judge W. R. Allen in Superior court here today, ordered sale at public auction of property of Consolidated Street Railway system of this city, and hydro-electric power plant at Manchester, which generates power

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ANOTHER REPORTED VICTORY FOR MENA.

(By Associated Press.)

Bluefield, Feb. 26.—The recent silence of Gen. Mena was broken today with a report of another victory for the arms of the Provisional government. This time the engagement was fought at Morrito, a small town about midway on the east shore of Lake Nicaragua.

Mena surprised the government forces, who numbered 180 strong, under Gen. Pedro Romeo. The fight lasted only 15 minutes. Gen. Romero and one soldier were killed, and several of Romero's men were wounded. Only one of Mena's men was wounded.

Sixty prisoners were captured, including two telegraphers and the Provisionals also took booty, which included 86 Remington rifles, 15,000 cartridges, 100 sacks of biscuit, 1,600 pounds of rice, 1,400 pounds of beans, 1,000 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of meat, a large quantity of cheese, 100 pairs of shoes and 60 horses, with equipment.

The Dispatch Confirmed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—Confirmation of the Associated Press dispatch from Bluefields reporting another victory for the provisional army and the death of Gen. Pedro Romero at Morrito, reached here tonight in an official cablegram from Gen. Estrada to Senor Castrillo, representative Nicaraguan revolutionists in Washington. Gen. Estrada's cablegram stated that Gen. Mena defeated 200 men commanded by Gen. Pedro Romero, who was killed in Morrito, on Lake Nicaragua.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SUIT IS ARGUED.

Road Wants Injunction Dissolved Relative to Certain Traffic Rates.

(By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 26.—Argument was made here today before Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the United States District Court, in an effort by the Southern Railway Company to have the injunction dissolved, which was issued by Judge Waddill some time ago restraining that road from withdrawing joint traffic rates from the Tennessee Central Railroad, which restraining order was based on complaints filed by the Tennessee road.

It is alleged by the Tennessee Central that the Southern and Illinois Central Railroads have entered into a compact to "squeeze" the Tennessee by declaring all joint tariff rates between the three roads to be null and void after February 15, 1910. These joint tariff rates have been in effect between the three roads for a considerable time, and it is alleged that pressure is now being brought unjustly and illegally to bear on the Tennessee Central Company that road may be forced to drop certain complaints it has lodged against the opposing roads.

In arguing against the restraining order issued by the court attorneys for the Southern take the ground that such a matter lies not within the province of Judge Waddill, or rather, not within the jurisdiction of his court.

The matter appears involved and is being gone into at great length. The argument was not concluded today.

INDICTED MEAT PACKERS MUST COME TO TRIAL.

New York, Feb. 26.—Two weeks will be allowed the indicted directors of the National Packing Company in which to appear for pleading to the true bill of conspiracy found against them by the Hudson county grand jury in Jersey City.

Prosecutor Garven said tonight that every opportunity would be given the indicted corporation and their officers to come into court of their own free will. If this opportunity were disregarded, however, or if any disposition was shown to treat the proceedings with levity, as had been intimated was the case in some quarters, he should move with speed and severity. "Capias" will be issued at once," said Mr. Garven, "and if those named in the papers refuse to answer of their own free will, extradition proceedings will be issued and some of these gentlemen will find themselves in Hudson county with what perhaps may be unexpected celerity."

In other words, if one service of the capias, the individuals indicted fail to respond, bench warrants will be issued to be served wherever those whom they call for maybe found and extradition proceedings will be then followed.

CONFESSED HE KILLED FARMER WM. BORK.

Pittsburg, Kansas, Feb. 26.—Gus Thomas, alias Ed Young, a negro, aged 26 years, confessed at Girard, near here, last night to the murder of William Bork, a white farmer, the latter's wife, and child, and another negro. Mrs. Bork was maltreated before being killed. Thomas was arraigned secretly last night, pleaded guilty, was sentenced to imprisonment for life and was taken to the penitentiary at Lansing, today. Thomas implicated Ed. Charles, another negro, who was arrested with him. Charles was hurried away to the jail at Fort Scott, Kas., for safe keeping.

Besides the four murders, Thomas confessed that he and Charles committed numerous highway robberies.

The Borks were waylaid on a lonely road as they were returning home in a buggy from a neighboring town. All three were shot and then clubbed to death.

Thomas and Charles also shot James White, a negro, at Dunkirk, cut his throat and threw the body in a pond after robbing it.

DUBLIN WOMAN'S BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION.

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 26.—The regular monthly meeting of the Duplin County Woman's Betterment Association was held at Lanesfield Academy, four miles from Warsaw today.

Prof. E. L. Middleton, of Cary, the invited speaker of the day treated the association to a most excellent educational address, the large number present today attests the interest which is being taken in the work of this betterment association in the county. Calypso was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A few short years ago the timid editors of some big farm papers were frantically urging their readers to organize safe road clubs to force automobile owners to build highways for their private use and to bar them from the public roads. Most of these fearful writers now ride in their own machine and are strangely silent on the private road question.

THE CLOUD IN THE EAST

A WEIRD SPECTACLE THAT BROUGHT AWE TO RALEIGH LAST NIGHT.

There was awe, and wonder and fear in Raleigh last night, and people gazed in amazement at a great black cloud, lying low in the east, above which came faintly the light of the rising moon. As clear cut as it lined with an artistic brush was the line separating the black cloud from the flawless sky beyond, the density of the cloud appearing such as to seem as if a great wall had suddenly, by a genie's wand, sprang into existence.

It was shortly after nine o'clock last night that the attention of hundreds of people in the city was attracted, as they gazed to the east, and saw the immense black cloud that extended across the eastern sky, from north to south, like a pall. It was a weird and uncanny spectacle, causing much talk on inquiry, the people gazing and wondering, there being the fear that it portended the approach of a mighty storm, or that the wind was about to sweep down on the city. From behind the cloud the light of the rising moon crept, adding to its awesomeness.

For an hour the cloud held its position; for an hour the people gazed with curiosity and expectation, and then they saw the moon rise above the edge and seem to peer over and look upon the world, with a smiling face, as if to say: "The worst is over, you need not have no fears." Then the great pall dissipated, spreading over the entire heavens like a thin veil and during the balance of the night the moon shone dimly and the stars—all except the most brilliant—were hidden.

"What was it?" was the question, but beyond the fact that it was a great and thick cloud there is no answer, except that some answer by saying that the wind blowing to the east had collected the mists and made of these a bank of clouds. Talking of the matter last night, Mr. T. F. Brockwell said that at the time of the earthquake in August, 1886, he and Mr. A. Dughi had noticed just such a cloud in the west and that on that night came the earthquake. Mr. Dughi, in speaking of it, said that in Italy preceding earthquakes such clouds were seen in the sky, and that these had come to be regarded as the forerunners of earthquakes.

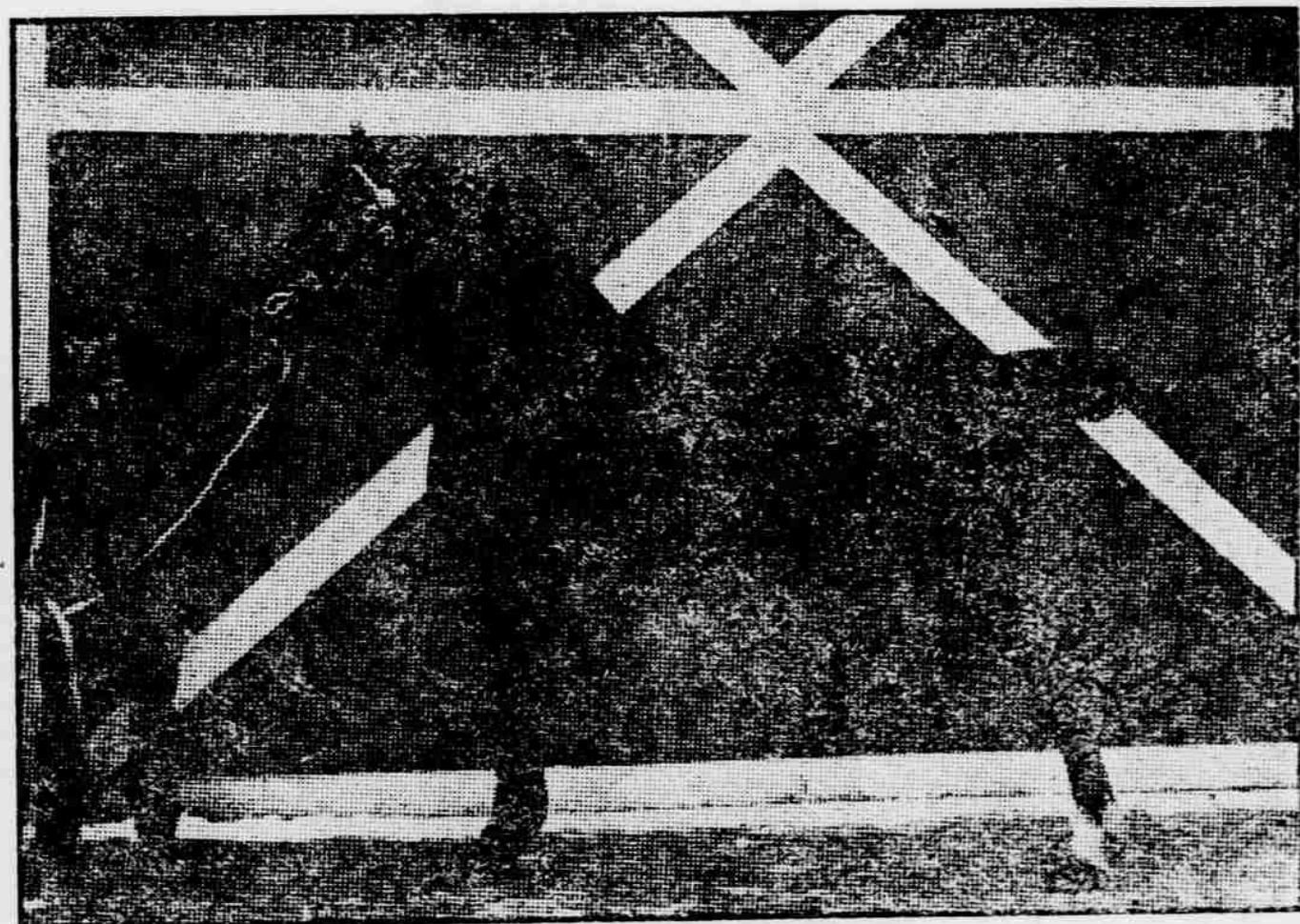
But last night the cloud was in the east and not the west. During the night no earthquake came and there may be an easier feeling, that it was just one of those curious phenomena that say to mankind: "You are mighty in knowledge, but the firmament showeth forth the wonderful handiwork of God, gaze on it in its many changes and be amazed."

Killed by dynamite Explosion.

(By Associated Press.)

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 26.—As the result of a peculiar dynamite explosion at the Buck Mountain colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, two men were killed and several others were badly injured.

Frank Dever, of Freeport, Pa., head of the engineering corps, of the coal company in this district was instantly killed.



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